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**SERIES OF SEARCH WARRANTS NETS \$1 MILLION
WORTH OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, 4 WEAPONS**

- *Four raids in three days yield significant results, several arrests*

Detroit Police late last week executed four narcotics search warrants that led to the confiscation of more than four pounds (2 kilos) of cocaine, 30 pounds of marijuana, an AK-47 assault rifle, one shotgun and two handguns, Chief Warren Evans announced today.

Combined, the drugs have a potential street value of approximately \$1 million. Chief Evans said that the raids highlight the success of DPD's efforts to focus on mid level drug suppliers, as opposed to street level dealers.

Bust #1 & #2

As part of an ongoing investigation, DPD narcotics officers on Thursday executed a search warrant on a residence in the area of Seven Mile Road and John R. Once inside the location, officers discovered 19 ounces (approximately ½-kilo) of cocaine valued at more than \$200,000, along with an AK-47 and two handguns. They also arrested a 40-year-old Detroit resident who has been charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine, Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Further investigation from this case led officers to a second location, where the next day (Friday) they confiscated an additional 8 ounces of cocaine valued at approximately \$100,000 from a vehicle and a 35-year-old male, who has been charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver over 50 grams of cocaine. Another bust related to these locations also netted quantities of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and cash totaling approximately \$100,000.

Chief Evans said that this combination of illegal drugs and high-powered guns is a recipe for violence that he believes officers may have prevented.

"Anytime you have that quantity of drugs and weapons, it's just a matter of time before someone gets shot," Chief Evans said. "We find that in the drug world, dealers often will steal supplies of narcotics from each other. Many times those situations result in fatal and non-fatal shootings."

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In fact, the first target location was the site of a suspected drug-theft related shooting in March of 2009, Chief Evans said. In that incident, three suspects allegedly broke into the house announcing themselves as Drug Enforcement Agency agents and demanding to know where the drugs were. Before they left, they robbed the home of jewelry and other items and shot one of the occupants of the home in the leg.

Bust #3

On Saturday, investigators raided a home in the 15700 block of Lamphere, where they seized more than 2.2 pounds (one kilo) of cocaine valued at more than \$440,000, Chief Evans said. Suspects were not at the location at the time of the raid and the case is still under investigation.

Bust #4

Working on tip information, officers on Saturday executed a search warrant at a home in the 16700 block of Ferguson where they confiscated 30 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$54,000 and one shotgun. Officers also arrested the 54-year-old female occupant, but that individual has not yet been charged pending further investigation.

Chief Evans praised the work of his narcotics investigators and said that taking this amount of drugs, guns and suspects out of circulation should help reduce the opportunities for gun violence as the weather warms up.

“Summer is fast approaching, so taking these elements out of play for a while should help,” Chief Evans said. *“The more information we receive from citizens, these kinds of cases we can make,” the Chief added.*

Anyone with information about illegal drug activity can text tips directly to police at 847411. All text messages are anonymous and untraceable. Tip messages must begin with the letters DPD to reach Detroit Police.

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